

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph 0004 with the following paragraph:

[0004] When capacitance between the electrodes at the active portion of the actuator unit is large or when a high drive voltage is required for driving the actuator unit, a power consumption (which is proportional to a product of the capacitance and a square of the drive voltage) of a driver circuit for driving the actuator unit uneconomically becomes large. In such a case, ~~heat~~ heat generation in the driver circuit significantly increases, and hence troubles by heating may easily be caused. In order to prevent the troubles by heating, a relatively expensive driver must be used to disadvantageously raise the cost of an electric system. Moreover, a heat sink, which is attached to dissipate heat generated in the driver circuit, need be large in size, and accordingly a size of an apparatus as a whole is also increased. Further, when capacitance between the electrodes at the active portion of the actuator unit is large, a delay corresponding to a charge time of a capacitor arises to thereby exhibit a moderate change in voltage between the electrodes. Consequently, it becomes hard to drive the actuator unit in a desired manner.